

House Resolution 1974

By: Representatives Greene of the 149th, Hanner of the 148th, Porter of the 143rd, Shaw of the 176th, Jamieson of the 28th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and expressing appreciation to Speaker Emeritus of the Georgia House of
2 Representatives Terry Coleman and congratulating him on his retirement; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Terry Coleman served honorably and continuously in the Georgia House of
5 Representatives from 1973 through the 2006 session; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 2003 and 2004
7 Sessions of the Georgia General Assembly and had previously served as Chairman of the
8 Committee on Public Safety, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and the
9 Environment, and Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1991 through the convening of the 2002 legislative session, Mr. Coleman
11 served as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations; Member of the Conference
12 Committee on the Budget and Chairman of the Joint Budget Responsibility Oversight
13 Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, his commitment to his community and the citizens of Georgia is further
15 demonstrated by his service as a member of the Eastman Volunteer Fire Department for more
16 than 23 years, as a member of the board of directors for the Bank of Dodge County and the
17 Colony Bank Corporation, and on the Mercer Medical School Board of Governors from 1990
18 until 2002; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of the First Methodist Church of Eastman and a devoted
20 husband to his wife, Carol Cofield Coleman, and a loving father and grandfather to their sons
21 Tracy Coleman and Brett Coleman and granddaughters Olivia and Josephine; and

22 WHEREAS, he is known to his fellow members for his tenaciousness in his fight for what he
23 believes in and his willingness to vigorously pursue a course of action, and this noble

1 statesman will long be remembered for his candor, commitment to principle, and devotion to
2 the best interests of the State of Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, this state has been made great and kept strong by the dedicated and loyal service
4 of men like Terry Coleman, and it is with sincere gratitude for his enduring service that this
5 body appropriately recognizes his commitment and sacrifices.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
7 members of this body hereby express to the Honorable Terry Coleman their deep and abiding
8 appreciation for his many years of effective, dedicated and distinguished service to the State
9 of Georgia and the citizens of this great state; convey to him their heartiest congratulations
10 upon the occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for
11 continued health and happiness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and
13 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Terry Coleman.